GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3065
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TAMPERING WITH BRAKE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have conducted an enquiry in the incident of tampering with the brake system of Nilambur − Shosnar passenger train and the incident of recovery of explosives from one of the bogies of Vanchinad Express train running between Ernakulam and Tiruvananthapuram;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the preventive steps taken by the Railways to check the repetition of such incidents; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c): On 8.7.2010, an incident of tampering of brake system by cutting the brake and feed pipe hoses of 654 Passenger train (Ex. Nilambur to Shoranur) has been reported at Nilambur Railway station in Palghat Division of Southern Railway. Government Railway Police/ Shoranur registered a case vide crime no. 38/10 under section 151 of the Railways Act, which was subsequently transferred to the Organised Crime Wing of State Crime Branch, Palghat, Kerala where a case has been registered vide crime no. OCW/PKD/440/CR/2010 under section 151 of the Railways Act 1989 and 3 (2) (e) of Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act 1984.

On 08.07.2010, an incident of recovery of a plastic bag containing explosive materials from the general compartment of train no. 6303 Ernakulam − Trivandrum Vanchinad Express has been reported at Mavelikara Railway station in Trivandrum division of Southern Railway. Government Railway Police/ Kottayam has registered a case vide crime no. 23/10 under section 336 Indian Penal Code, 5 of Explosives Substances Act and 164 of the Railways Act.

'Policing' being a State subject, registration of cases, their investigation and maintenance of law and order in Railway premises as well as on running trains are the statutory responsibility of the State Police. The State Police has a separate wing called the Government Railway Police (GRP) for dealing with all matters relating to law and order on the Railways.

Director General of Police / Kerala had convened a high level meeting at Trivandrum, which was attended by Divisional Railway Managers and Divisional Security Commissioner/ Railway Protection Force of Trivandrum and Palghat division. The existing security arrangements in Railways over Kerala State were reviewed and necessary measures have been taken to enhance passenger security particularly in respect of sabotage of trains.